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This will confirm information furnished July 17, 1959, by Special Agent Sam Papich of this Bureau to Mrs. Jane Roman of your Agency. (S)(u)

On July 16, 1959, Mrs. Catherine Taaffe, who has been volunteering information to this Bureau concerning Cuban matters, advised this Bureau's Washington Field Office as follows:

Within the past few days Donald W. Hogan, employee of the Cuban Sugar Institute, Havana, Cuba, met a Mr. [Beardsley] (phonetic) in Havana. Beardsley reportedly informed Hogan that he was with the Central Intelligence Agency and that Alberto Fernandez, then director of the Cuban Sugar Institute, was one of the individuals heading a counterrevolutionary movement against Fidel Castro in Cuba. Beardsley allegedly named other persons involved, but Mrs. Taaffe was unable to identify the other individuals. She added that Fernandez, on receiving the above information from Hogan, was extremely upset about the allegation. According to Mrs. Taaffe, Fernandez resigned his post on July 15, 1959, and although Mrs. Taaffe did not give his reason for resigning, she did say it was not connected with the above allegations.

Mrs. Taaffe stated she would be in New York City over the week end but would be in Washington, D. C., on Monday, July 20, 1959, at which time she planned visiting your Agency to voice a complaint about Beardsley's activity.

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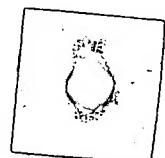
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On 7/17/59 Mrs. Jane Roman advised CIA has an employee, [Basil Beardsley], who has worked in Cuba. CIA is checking further into the allegations set out above. → (S)(u)

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